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**IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF MEXICO FOR SLAUGHTER  
SHEEP EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES  
*REQUISITOS ZOOSANITARIOS DE MEXICO PARA IMPORTAR OVINOS  
PARA SACRIFICIO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS***

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian so authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee, and individual identification by ear tag of the animals to be exported.

Additional information shall include:

*Los animales deben estar acompañados de un Certificado de Salud expedido por un Médico Veterinario acreditado por el Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos y endosado por un veterinario de Servicios Veterinarios (USDA). El certificado debe contener el nombre y la dirección del cosignador, del cosignatario y la identificación individual de los animales con aretes. La información adicional debe incluir.*

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS / *CERTIFICACIONES***

1. At the time of exportation, the animals are clinically healthy.  
*Los animales se encuentran clínicamente sanos en el momento de la exportación.*
2. The animals identified on this certificate are free of ectoparasites.  
*Los animales se encuentran libres de ectoparásitos.*
3. The sheep were shorn within 30 days of shipment.  
*Los ovinos fueron trasquilados dentro de los 30 días previos a la exportación.*
4. The animals have not been fed ruminant origin meat and bone meal. In the country of origin, there are animal health regulations that forbid the feeding of ruminant origin meat and bone meal to ruminant animals.  
*Los animales no fueron alimentados con harinas de carne y hueso de origen rumiante. En el país de origen existe reglamentación zoosanitaria vigente que prohíbe alimentar a los rumiantes con harinas de carne y hueso de origen rumiante*
5. On the day of exportation, the animals did not show clinical signs of scrapie.  
*El día de su exportación, los animales no mostraron signos clínicos de scrapie.*
6. No ram in the flock is the offspring of an ewe affected with scrapie or that had produced any offspring affected with scrapie.  
*Ningún borrego del rebaño es hijo de una hembra afectada con scrapie o que haya producido prole que haya sido afectada por scrapie.*

7. No ewe in the flock has been pregnant with germ plasm from a flock affected with scrapie during the last 5 years.  
*Ninguna hembra del rebaño a importar ha sido preñada durante 5 años inmediatamente anteriores al embarque, con germoplasma de un rebaño infectado con scrapie*
8. No ram has belong to a flock nor has been in contact with rams or goats that had been in a flock under suspicion or diagnosed positive to scrapie during the last 5 year prior to export.  
*Los borregos no han pertenecido a un rebaño y no han tenido contacto con borregos o cabras que hayan estados en un rebaño en el cual se haya sospechado o diagnosticado scrapie durante los 5 años anteriores al embarque.*
9. The animals are transported in vehicles that were cleaned and disinfected prior to shipment. The vehicles must be sealed and must arrive directly to the establishment of slaughter.  
*Los vehículos utilizados para el transporte de los animales fueron sometidos a limpieza y desinfección antes del embarque. Los vehículos de transporte deben estar sellados y arribar directamente a los establecimientos de sacrificio.*

#### **OTHER INFORMATION / INFORMACIÓN ADICIONAL**

1. All male slaughter sheep have been castrated.
2. All animals will be unloaded and inspected by a Mexican veterinarian at a facility in the United States at the following border point: Del Rio, Texas.
3. All animals must be identified by eartag. In addition, they must be identified by paint brand, specifically an "X," approximately 5 inches x 5 inches in size, located dorsocaudally (i.e., in the railhead area).
4. The animals will be inspected by an official Veterinarian of zoosanitary safety in the installations authorized by the Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería, Desarrollo Rural, Pesca y Alimentación (SAGARPA). After inspection, the trucks will be sealed and the seal can only be broken in the yard previously approved by the SAGARPA Delegation or in the slaughterhouse, as stated in the slaughter contract, validated by SAGARPA's Delegation in the destination state and with the signature and seal of the Veterinarian approved in plants dedicated to slaughter animals, responsible of the slaughterhouse where the slaughtering will take place. The original contract will be placed in the file corresponding to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Office (Oficina de Inspección de Sanidad Agropecuaria-OISA).
5. A Supervising Veterinarian appointed by SAGARPA in the State through which the animals were imported, will take care of the whole import process including the transportation of the animals from their departure at the OISA to the slaughterhouse indicated in the contract. The Supervising Veterinarian must be present during the

slaughtering of the animals. All the expenses incurred during this operation will be paid by the importer.

The importer has to present the appointment letter of the authorized Supervising Veterinarian, issued by the SAGARPA's Delegation in the State through which the animals will be imported, who will take care of the shipment as indicated in the above paragraph.

6. The importer will declare the route that the shipment will follow to the final destination, indicating the zoosanitary inspection points where the shipment will be revised. The OISA will provide SAGARPA's delegation in the State of the shipment's final destination, the following data: name of the importer, import certificate number, seals list, number of sheep imported and shipped, name of the transportation company, number of the transportation jail plates, date and time of the import, and estimated date and time of arrival to the final destination.
7. The only people authorized to break the seals are the slaughterhouse Veterinarians or the authorized Supervising Veterinarian appointed by the SAGARPA Delegation in the State of destination. If the animals stay in yards temporarily before arriving to the slaughterhouse, the yards must be approved by the SAGARPA's Delegation in that state. The importation is authorized only by the companies included in the Registry of Sheep Importers for Slaughter authorized by SAGARPA.
8. U.S. Origin Health Certificates must be typewritten. Mexican Port Veterinarians will reject any certificates that are handwritten.